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For almost 20 years a quiet but ominous fear has haunted the corridors of the Central Intelligence Agency. It is the specter of a mole—an American official, some

where in the upper echelons of the CIA, who is really a Soviet agent planted by its own spy network, the KGB.

In the words of one CIA insider: "There is a mole inside the CIA hierarchy." This means that every particle of our intelligence is suspect and possibly contaminated. It means that Soviets have simply

have detailed knowledge of our veni-

cation capability and can circumvent

it changes the world power balance."

Three years ago, a widespread CIA search intensified for a mole who might conceivably be operating his own spy ring within the Agency. This followed a series of arrests of several former CIA employees who admitted having

passed intelligence secrets to the Soviets. Many of these secrets concerned clandestine electronic and satellite surveillance systems the U.S. was using to monitor Russian strategic weapons development. Loss of those secrets was termed by the CIA the most serious espionage disaster in 20

years.

Then, in late Se-

ptember, a CIA official who's

very secret disad-

visor, one calm

Chesapeake Bay

body of John Arth

Degory, Director

Strategic Research

and Analysis

Unit, the CIA

clamoring Paisley

an analyst who did

not believe in

intelligence

and was simply

working on routine

missions, with a very

limited information

disappearance.

The cover-up di-

layed John Paisley

in a series of

quarters and his

informants. One

he was working

secret report ab-

out his capabilities.

The CIA finally

was as brilliant

Agency continue

never been involved in any

intelligence activities

and no

credible evidence

existed to suspect

years.

Some say John Paisley was a top Russian spy planted in the CIA.

Some say he was both.

Some say John Paisley was a brilliant CIA operative looking for a

master Russian spy planted in the CIA.

Was his "strange" suicide actually murder?

THE SPY AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BAY

Investigative report by Richard Russell

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